

parties concerned, and that it would be for the benefit of all parties concerned, that said lands should be sold and the proceeds thereof, be distributed among the parties entitled. That said tract of land is too small to divide, contains only one set of buildings and an outlet from most of the tract, and if divided, the parcels would be too small for advantageous cultivation or sale.

To the 4th Sub. That he knows nothing further.

Elias Blackstaff, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainants being duly sworn and examined, to interrogatories filed with the Commissioners by the Complainants and herewith returned, deposes and says.

To the 1st Sub. That he knows all of the parties to this suit except the children of Mahala Clevidence, and has known them for many years.

To the 2nd Sub. That he did, that they lived in Frederick County, Maryland; that they are both dead, that George died during October, Eighteen hundred and Seventy One, and that Susan, his wife, died during the last summer; that they left the following children, namely; Mahala, George, John, Margaret, Kessiah and Susan - That he knows of - None that he knows of: That Mahala's children are unknown to Deponent, - That George left children, namely Samuel & Abram, That the children of Mahala reside in the State of Ohio, and the children of George reside in Frederick County Maryland.

To the 3rd Sub. He did - She married George Clevidence and resided in the State of Ohio, that she is dead; that her children are unknown to Deponent, but reside in the State of Ohio.

To the 4th Sub. - Mahala Clevidence, if she was living, would be about fifty six years of age, has been dead about twelve years, and resided in the State of Ohio, at the time of her death, that she was married to George Clevidence, and left children unknown to Deponent. - George Stottmeyer was thirty six years of age when he died, has been dead about twenty years, resided in Frederick County, Maryland at the time of his death, and left Samuel and Abram, children, surviving, Sam, Abram, aged about twenty two years, and Samuel, aged about twenty four years, who both reside in Frederick County, Maryland; John Stottmeyer, aged about fifty four years and residing in Frederick County Maryland;

Margaret, married to Henry Redmon, aged about fifty years and residing in the State of Pennsylvania. Kessiah, married to Jacob Redmon, aged about forty or forty one years, and residing in Frederick County, Maryland. Susan Stottmeyer aged about thirty seven years, and residing in Frederick County, Maryland.

To the 5th Sub. Yes - It is situated in Frederick County Maryland - Contains about twenty or twenty five acres of land, on the Home Lot, and a Second lot containing about two and one fourth acres of land - Deponent looks at the papers marked Exhibits Nos 2 & 3 - they are the lands referred to by Deponent in the first part of his answer to this Interrogatory.

To the 6th Sub. They cannot be divided - It is too small a tract of land, and so situated with regard to outlet, and contains only one set of buildings; that if divided it, would not be susceptible of advantageous cultivation or sale; that it would be greatly to the advantage of all parties concerned, infants as well as adults, to sell said lands and divide the proceeds thereof among the parties entitled.

To the 7th Sub. That he knows nothing further.

There being no other witnesses present to be examined, and no further time being required for the production of Evidences, the said Commissioners closed the said Commission and herewith returns the same, under their hands and seals this Nineteenth day of November Eighteen hundred and Seventy One.

H. M. Nelson *Deputy* J. E. B. Wood *Deputy*

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